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Thank you for being a steward of your City of Waterville Parks by taking an active role in keeping them clean and green. There are many ways that our Carry-in/Carry-out policy helps to improve your parks.

-  Taking responsibility for our waste encourages awareness of our impact on natural resources, and can prompt environmentally-friendly behaviors such as recycling, and use of recycled or biodegradable products.
-  It fosters a partnership between visitors and the parks by encouraging all visitors to help maintain clean parks.
-  Saves money used to pay for garbage disposal, which can then be spent to improve your parks in other ways.
-  Increases the safety of your visit by reducing the number of bees, wasps and other pests (such as skunks and rats) in/around picnic areas, playgrounds, ballfields and trails.
-  Redirects staff resources to other necessary park improvement projects.
-  Avoids the unpleasant smells and messes associated with dumpsters and trash cans.
-  It eliminates unsightly trash and receptacles in the park that can detract from the beauty of the natural environment.
-  Improves health of wildlife by reducing their dependency on trash as a food source.
-  The parks belong to all of us...so just like our own homes...it is our responsibility to care for them and protect them for generations to come.